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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed January 13, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the following group of claims:

I. Claims 1 – 25, drawn to a composition, classified in class 435, subclass 183.

Groups II, III, IV, and V, comprising Claims 26 – 77, are cancelled pending the filing of a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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